

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 10am-4.00pm.

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First Sunday of Advent Year B– 29th November, 2026.

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WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil:	**6.00pm**
1st & 3rd Sunday Cowwarr:	11.00am

WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday:	9.00am
2nd & 4th Sunday - Newry:	11.00am
5th Sunday – Dargo :	12.Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD

Tuesday:	9.30am

MAFFRA

Wednesday to Saturday :	9.30am

RECONCILIATION:
MAFFRA
Any time by request
HEYFIELD:
Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm
OR any other time by request

DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra – Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am followed by Mass

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: Maffra
Wednesday: After 9.30am Mass

BAPTISMS:
During or After the Vigil / Sunday Mass

MARRIAGE:
At least six months' notice requested.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD
Principal: Shane Fyfe
Davis St. Heyfield - 3858
Phone: 5148 2514

ST. MARY'S MAFFRA
Principal: Julian Blackford
4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860
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Catholic Care: 1800 522 076
Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

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Father Hilarion will be visiting on 4th and 5th December.

Please remember your November Offerings envelopes can be placed on the plates in all Churches for Masses to be offered, if you don't have a November Envelope then place an ordinary envelope with the names of the deceased on the back and place it on the plate.

The Combined Churches is holding their Advent Tea on Sunday December 13th commencing at 5pm.at St Andrew's Uniting Church hall.
St Mary's is providing fruit salad and ice cream. If you would like to contribute fruit or money towards the dessert please see Mary Hartwig after mass the next 2 Sundays.
The cost to attend is $10 per person or $15 per family.
After the meal there will be Christmas Carols in the church.

International Day of People with Disability
On 3 December, we mark the International Day of People with Disability, a time to recognise the dignity, gifts and contributions of people with disability and to promote greater inclusion in our communities and parish life. The Catholic Church in Australia reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all people are welcomed, valued and protected from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect. It is also an opportunity to listen to the experiences of people with disability and work together to build a more inclusive Church and society. [cdsale.org.au]
To learn more and access resources, visit: cdsale.org.au/news/international-day-of-people-with-disability.

DARGO MASS: Why not take a leisurely drive to Dargo on Sun 29th November and make it a family day out with either a picnic lunch or lunch at the Hotel. Mass 12noon followed by lunch of your choice. Take in the beautiful views of the scenic mountains. Dargo is famed for its walnut production. As you drive into town, you'll see avenues of leafy giants lining the valley floor. Stop in for a cool drink and a generous feed at the iconic Dargo Hotel or the nearby Dargo River Inn, at the entry point for some of our best 4x4 National Parks.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 7th December, 2026, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings. All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 7th December, 2026, 6pm at the Sporting Club Maffra. RSVP a Must Contact details 0408057413. All welcome.

The parish Luncheon and Dinner is a monthly event who meet for fellowship as a parish community, they meet on the 1st Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

Parish Fund Raiser

CAN COLLECTION FUNDRAISER:

Thanks to all who are bringing cans and bottles for collection. Cans and bottles can be deposited in bins near St. Mary's toilets. Amount raised to date (+$122.10) = $1912.30

PIETY STALL

For sale in our Piety Stall at St Mary's Church are rosary beads, medals, cards, key chains and Sacramental gifts. 2027 Columban Art Calendars are now available at $11 per calendar.

If you are new to our parish and would like to give to the parish planned giving then please do not hesitate to contact the office on 0429140362 or email: Maffra@cdsale.org.au

The planned giving program helps support the running of the church and parish staff.

TRAVELLING TO DIOCESAN EVENTS:

If parishioners plan to attend various Diocesan events, spread the word so that others may be able to share the ride.

Mass Sheet for Christmas Masses is available at the back of St Mary's Maffra Church please fill in what you are able to do. Lectors, Sacristan, Commentator, etc.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Clive & Isobel Major, Maria Banasik, (MRS) Sheila McCarthy, Frank Lenz, Stanislaw Bogusz, Gladys Lannigan, Noni Price, Margaret Caffrey, Jessica Hanratty (child), Peter Gray, Reg Murphy, Olga O'Brien, Murray Johnson, Kathleen Johnston, Nancy Powell.

Frs. Charles Keller, James Hayes, David (Dave) Cagney.

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit: Carmel Clark, A.J. Smith, John Slattery, Fr Michael Willemsen, Christine Schoenmaekers, Gary Goddard, Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Linda Allman, Coral Justice, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, and all those who seek our prayers

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Via the Parish Office: 03 5147 1921.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

ST. MARY'S: Steve McAnulty

ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

We have gluten free host available for Holy Communion at all Masses, if you please let Father know that you are wanting a gluten free host before Mass.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY:	$ 853
ST. MARY'S PG:	$ 232
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	$ 230

THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY INCREASED THEIR PLANNED GIVING. HOPING THAT OTHERS MAY ALSO THINK OF INCREASING.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 30th Nov: No Mass. (St. Andrew the Apostle)

Tuesday 1st Dec: Heyfield 9.30am Mass. / Maffra Rosary 2pm.

Wed.: 2nd Dec: Maffra, 9.30am Mass Rosary/ Adoration after Mass.

Thursday 3rd Dec: Maffra- Rosary 8.20am 9.30am Mass. (St. Francis Xavier)

Friday 4th Dec: Maffra - Rosary 8.20am. 11.15am Mass Stretton Park (St. John of Damascus)

Sat. 5th Dec: Maffra Rosary 8.20am. 9.30am Mass. (St. Cecilia)

Each Sunday morning, prior to the 9am Sunday Mass at Maffra, a Parish Rosary is offered, starting 8.25am, to pray for Our Blessed Mother's intentions, thank her for her prayers and intercession and to pray for vocation to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese and also pray for Parishioners intentions. During these often uncertain times and our daily challenges we are reassured that Our Blessed Mother will hear our prayers and present them to Her Son. Everyone is welcome.

Anointing Mass 1st Friday of each Month at Stretton Park please check on arrival where the Mass will be celebrated. Mass will start at 11am everyone is welcome. Please come and support our sick and elderly.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES STRETTON PARK/MCDONALD WING: 1st week of the month please consider attending to support the elderly. For details, contact Trish 0428471621

COMBINED CHURCHES: Contact Mary Hartwig 0431408336

MenAlive – MENS FELLOWSHIP AND SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Do you have a notice for the bulletin? Let the office know by Wednesday the week prior. Maffra@cdsale.org.au, 51471921

Maffra Parish Liturgical Roster December 2026

Reader:	Sun: 6th	Kevin Kierce
Commentator:	Sun: 6th	Michael Dillon
Extra Ordinary Minister:	Sun: 6th	Trevor Fogarty
Collectors:	Sun: 6th	Roy Shelton & Someone
Computer:	Sun: 6th	Mary Hartwig
Flowers:	Sun: 6th	Rosemary Wirken
Sacristy:	Sun: 6th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
Holy Vessels:	month of December	Donna Sebastian

Heyfield Parish Liturgical Roster December vigil

Reader:	Sat: 5th	Leah Brown
Flowers:	Sat: 5th	Pittari Family

St Brigid's Cowwarr Roster December

Reader:	Sun: 6th	N/A
Cleaner:	Sun: 6th	N/A

Personal Ordinariate Masses

Cowwarr: St Brigids'
Monday: 9.00am
Tuesday: 6.00pm
Wednesday: 10.00am
Thursday: 10.00am
Friday: 6.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am
Sunday: 9.30am
Confession: Before each mass
Any enquiries please contact:
Fr Ken Clark EV
Gippsland Ordinariate
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Social Justice Statement: Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division
In the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its latest Social Justice Statement, Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division. The bishops call on all faithful to help foster a more cohesive and peaceful Australia by cultivating a "culture of encounter"—choosing forgiveness over enmity, hospitality over isolation, and active listening across differences.
To read the full statement, access resources, and watch the launch recording, visit: https://tinyurl.com/yc3m9d2v



A Carol Event: Keeping Christ in Christmas
St Brendan's Catholic Parish, Lakes Entrance, warmly invites everyone to join us for a special Christmas carol event on Friday, 4th December at 7:00 PM. Come along and celebrate the true meaning of the season as we gather to sing and reflect. O Come All Ye Faithful!

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help**. (R.)**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted**. (R.)**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name (**R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next weekend's readings: Sunday Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2026: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

With Caritas Australia's Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day.
Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that re?ects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse the full range of G lobal Gifts: https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

New Rosters are at the back of the St Mary's Church please take one and check f you are available for those roles.

40th Anniversary of St Pope John Paul II's Address in Alice Springs

On Sunday, 29 November 2026 (the First Sunday of Advent), the Church in Australia marks the 40th anniversary of St Pope John Paul II's historic address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs.
This landmark moment spoke to the entire Australian Church, sparking greater recognition of the culture and faith of our First Nations brothers and sisters and paving the way for the formation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) in 1992. As we commemorate this milestone, we are invited to reflect with gratitude on the progress made over the past four decades, while honestly acknowledging the journey still ahead.
To help our community mark this significant occasion, NATSICC has released a range of educational and liturgical materials:
Videos & General Resources: natsicc.org.au/resources-data/pope-john-ii-40th-anniversary
Liturgical Resources: natsicc.org.au/resources-data/jpiilitugysuggestions